

South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society

Board of Directors Meeting 7-18-2022

The post show meeting of the board of directors of the South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society was called to order by President Bill Wiater. Julie Fritz read the secretary's report and the motion to approve it as read was made by Ron Leighty and seconded by Jerry Heick and passed. Lori Zemaitis read the treasurer's report. Lori Zemaitis made a motion to donate \$200 to the River Valley FFA club for helping us during the show, seconded by Irene Doty and passed unanimously.

Bill Wiater said it was nice to see so many people at the meeting and asked that they think about coming to more meetings. Tonight's meeting was to discuss the show, Sandy Stropky said there was no bags tournament, and asked that we put more advertising into it and announce it more during the show. The Band was loud, it was in the Show Pavilion due to the rain, but it was suggested that next year if the band needs to be inside, they should be in Farmer's Hall where they can be heard by the arena, the band said they enjoyed themselves, and it was suggested that next year we have a plan for rain. Sandy Monroe said that we had more flea market vendors, and some came in at the last minute. The food vendors were happy, and they worked around the lemon shake ups by adding flavors to their lemonades. One vendor has exclusive rights to serve Lemon shake ups. The tractor pull committee plans to meet with Dean Bettenhausen in October and is planning on having the tractor pulls in the green grandstands next year. The parade needs a cordless mike, and we need to replace parade route signs with yard signs that can be reused. Baling went well, the ball was dropped with the blacksmiths, the Nichols who are usually the blacksmiths were under the impression that we had someone else doing it this year because we didn't contact them. Discussion was held regarding the placement of the Dyno; it was decided that it will stay where it was this year. It was suggested that we have a map of the whole fairgrounds and place maps throughout the fairgrounds on stands. There needs to be signs for the dyno and sawmill describing what is taking place. Discussion was held regarding the corn that was ground for the petting zoo as payment, a price should be discussed with them and then paid in either money or equivalent of product not to exceed agreed upon price. The sawmill ran well, and the blower set up worked well. They sold ~\$1000 in lumber between us and NIHPA. Bill is planning on meeting with some guys about lumber to purchase. The planer worked well, and the edger wasn't run, they had some small issues with the positioning of the steamer. Kelly Miller asked John Marshall about us putting in an anchor pad that would remain at the fairgrounds but be buried. The sheller ran well and shelled ~600 bushel of corn, threshing went well. The big forage wagons worked well. Lionel Modular Railroad went well but we need to let them know where trailer parking will be, and parking should be restricted behind the Fine Arts building. The beekeepers, wood carvers were all happy. The winner of the quilt raffle hasn't responded to multiple calls and texts. If she hasn't responded by the next meeting, we will draw a different winner. There needs to be more things in the Fine Arts building. Ron Leighty said he doesn't want to oversee that building; he isn't able to spend the time there. There was a good showing from the trucks ~10-12, had some new gas engines, the Model A club brought in ~30-40 cars, Winimac Old auto

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club did well, and Rusty Knuckles brought in ~200 cars over the weekend, they also helped at the gate. The garden tractor building was full, the McKown's gave us a \$100 donation in Bob McKown's name. The steam engines had wood, coal, and water. We had more tractors than previously, and we have barrels with chocks in them, we need signs to stay off the tractors. Gloria Miller said she would like a

note if you would like something announced multiple times. There are no speakers in the show pavilion. We need to put a schedule of events in different spots throughout the grounds. Gate 4 worked well, some of the bigger truck drivers felt uncomfortable having to drive through the crowd. Ryan Wiater worked in the parking lot and felt that we need at least 6-8 people helping us in the parking lot. Kelly Dykstra said that she can get her vendors to donate to the sponsorship raffle. There were some dust and smell problems as well as lighting, they can be outside, she was thanked for leaving their area clean. We really need 4 people movers, 2 inside the grounds and 2 in the parking lot, the people mover stops signs worked well but they need to be bigger. We need to get Limo golf carts for next year and a handicap accessible people mover as well, or one with a lower or flip out step. We need to have more handicap parking and defined handicap parking. Registration worked ok. The sound system need work. John Ketwig and Miles Horst manned the information booth and helped a lot. Kiddie Korral had lots of kids, the kiddie tractor pull had ~60 kids on Saturday and ~40 on Sunday, they need about 10 more feet of room than what they had this year. Ray Mattox worked on the pedal tractors last year and they worked well, and they had no breakdowns. The pie booth had good volunteers. There were 73 shirts left from salables and Pam Heick felt that the square reader was worth getting. There were 22 donations raffled off and they are all distributed. Mike Rippe said the ding a ling RR worked well in the new spot, he had too long of a route on Saturday and decreased it to 5 minutes on Sunday and it worked better. Carts worked well but may need bearing and wheels on some of them. The boy scouts only did one day of flag raising, need more help with that. The night watch needs a list of animals in case they get out. The water system didn't work initially on Thursday but was fixed. Advertising went well, Kelly Miller thanked Kelly Dykstra for her part in it. She suggested that when you see a posting on Facebook you place a heart on it and comment, and it disperses it better. We need to get rid of the old wood signs and just keep the vinyl and PVC signs, and we need to use 2 in PVC pipe and just slide them over the posts. Penfield's show will be the weekend after ours next year. There were some plaques left. We ran out of programs at the gate, need to order at least 2 more boxes next year. WE need to revise the senior citizen home letters. It was suggested that we get a 5x8 enclosed trailer for all our signs. Dumpsters were ok, Electric was handled, fire extinguishers went ok, the fair board went well. The portapotties need to be put farther back off the road, it was suggested that we get all handicap portapotties. There were 64 unpaid members prior to the show, they all paid during the show, and we got 25 new members for a total of 370 members. Kelly Miller suggested that we use two days for set up, bringing all the equipment in on Wednesday and then setting it up on Thursday. We used all the barricades that the fairgrounds had, it was suggested that we donate to the fairgrounds so they can get more of them. The Fair board is looking for tractors to display during the fair in the Industrial Arts building. They would be roped off and would like up to 18 tractors. Bill said thank you to everyone for all their hard work and thank you to the Fairgrounds staff for all their work as well. We received \$150 from Culvers, about half of last year. Motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Miller and seconded by Jerry McGarr at 9:15 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Julie Fritz